

iDVD Step-by-Step



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iDVD lets you create Hollywood-style DVDs with ease, using Apple-designed animated themes. And by taking the difficulty out of DVD creation, you can concentrate on outstanding lessons and not on figuring out how your software works.

This step-by-step guide is designed to help you remember what you learned from the videos on the DVD. By using both, you can quickly create your own DVD that includes animated themes, slideshows, and music. The tutorials here will lead you through creating a DVD of the ocean field trip project.



Creating A DVD Project

The first step to building a DVD is to create a DVD project, complete with a link to a movie.

To create a DVD project in iDVD:

- 1 Open iDVD by double-clicking its icon. You may find it in your Dock, or in your Applications folder.

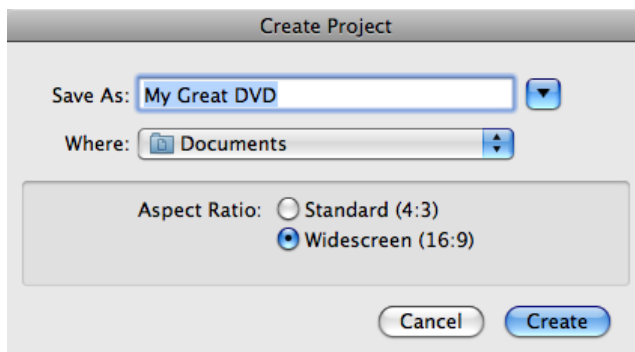
You'll see the introductory iDVD screen.



iDVD's introductory window gives you four choices for DVD creation.

- 2 Click "Create a New Project."

A Create Project save dialog box appears.



In the Create Project window, give your project a name and select an aspect ratio for it.

- 3 In the Create Project dialog box, do the following:
 - a In the Save As field, type the name of your project.
 - b In the Where popup menu, select the location where you'd like to save your DVD project.
 - c Click the radio button next to the aspect ratio you want to use: Standard, or Widescreen.
 - d Finally, click Create.

A basic DVD template loads.



The default iDVD theme is Revolution—nice, but we'll select something different for our project.

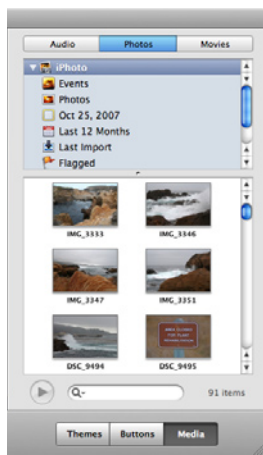
- 4 From the Themes column on the right, choose a theme.
The preview on the left adopts the new theme.



The Soft Frame theme fits our tide pool project, so we'll select it.

- 5 In the lower-right corner, click the Media button, and then click the Photos button.

The images from your iPhoto library load in the Media browser.



All of your iLife media is available in iDVD's Media browser—including iPhoto images and albums.

- 6 Drag images from your photo browser to the drop zones in the DVD preview on the left. The images become part of the DVD preview.



Adding our starfish image to the DVD menu is as easy as dropping it on Drop Zone 1. Drop new images on Drop Zone 2 and Drop Zone 3 to place them in the project. Although you don't see them here, the three photos will fade from one to the next in a continuous preview.

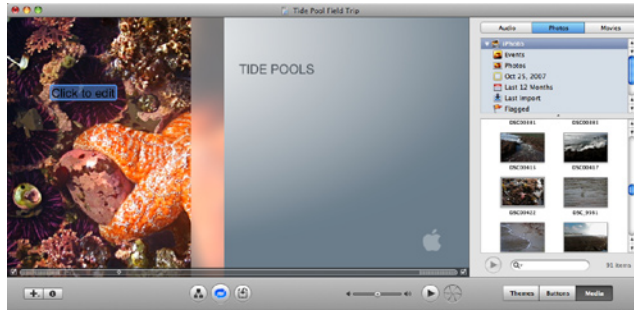
- 7 Double-click the text to make it editable, and then type the text for your DVD menu.



We've titled our DVD "Tide Pools," and we've kept the default font set for Helvetica Neue 24—but you can select any font you like from the popup menus.

8 Select Project -> Add Text.

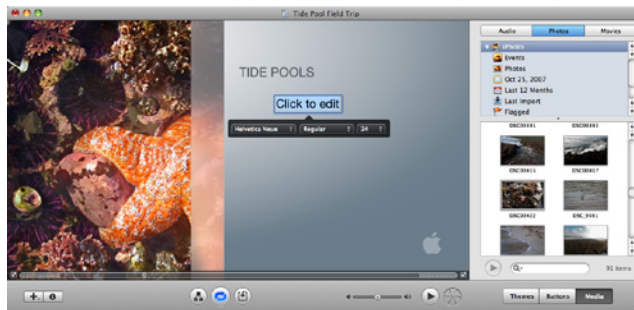
A second block of text appears in the project.



We've added some text to give a brief explanation of our DVD by using the Project menu.

9 Drag the text to the location you want it to appear, then double-click it.

The text becomes editable.



This text, like the main menu text, is editable, and you can set the font and font size as you like.

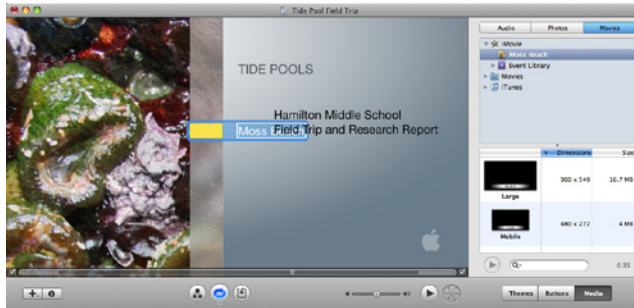
10 Type text to replace the placeholder text, and then click outside of the text area to accept your changes.



We've used our text to identify the school and what the DVD is about. Our menu preview is showing the image that we've dropped onto Drop Zone 2.

- 11 Click the Movies button in the media browser, and navigate to the movie you want to add to the DVD project. Drag the movie onto the preview area.

A link to the movie appears in the preview area.



After adding a movie, iDVD creates a live link to it. Although it's not ideally placed, there's no reason to worry—we can locate it anywhere on the screen.

- 12 Move the link to an appropriate location on the DVD preview.



The link to our iMovie project covering one of our tide pool visits is now placed appropriately.

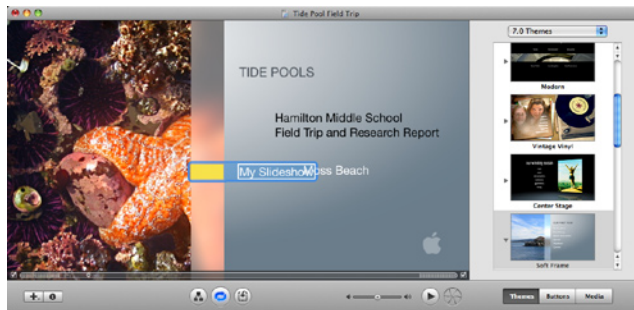
Adding a DVD Slideshow

iDVD lets you use your iPhoto library and GarageBand songs to create a DVD slideshow—complete with music.

To add a DVD slideshow:

- 1 Open your DVD project in iDVD. At the lower-left corner of the window, click the + (plus) icon and select Add Slideshow from the popup menu.

A link to a DVD slideshow appears on the page.



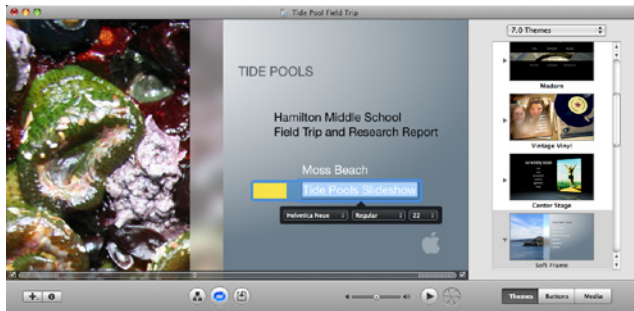
We'll use the link we've just added to include the iPhoto slideshow of our field trip in this DVD.

- 2 Align the slideshow link with other elements on the page.



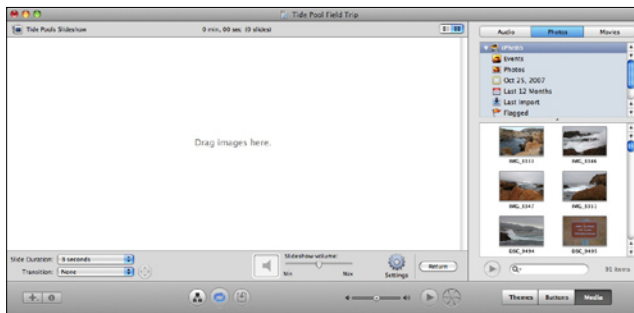
When dragging a link on the menu, a line appears to help you align the elements. Here, we're seeing a vertical line to help us line up our movie and slideshow links. Also, notice that our image has changed to the photo we added to Drop Zone 3.

- 3 Click the link to make it editable, and then type a new name for your slideshow link.



We've named our slideshow for our tide pool field trip, using the default font and font size.

- 4 After clicking outside of the link text to deselect it, double-click the slideshow link. iDVD takes you to the slideshow creation area.



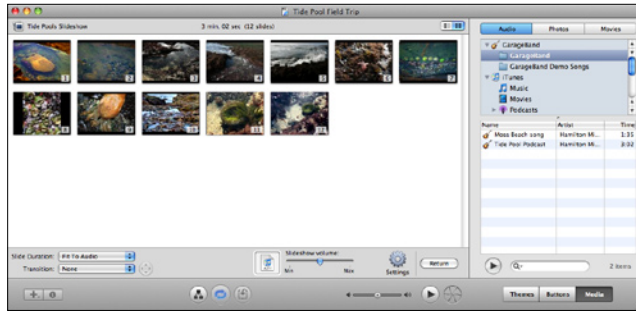
The slide show area starts out blank, but we'll fix that soon enough by adding photos from the Media browser on the right.

- 5 Drag an iPhoto album from the Media browser to the preview area on the right. iDVD generates thumbnails for the slideshow.



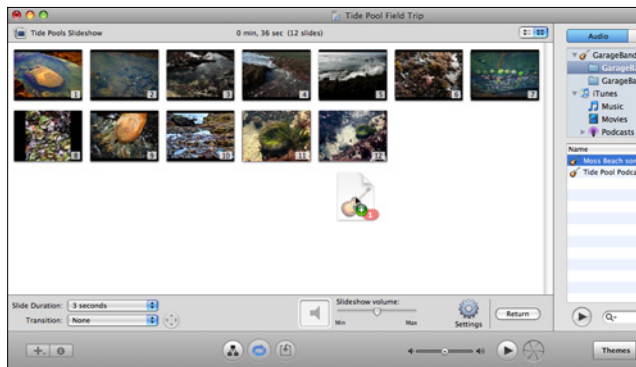
By dragging our Tide Pools album onto the left area, we're telling iDVD to bring those images into the project.

- 6 In the media browser, click Audio, and then navigate to your GarageBand songs.



iDVD automatically knows about your GarageBand songs—including the song you created for the tide pools project as well as the podcast.

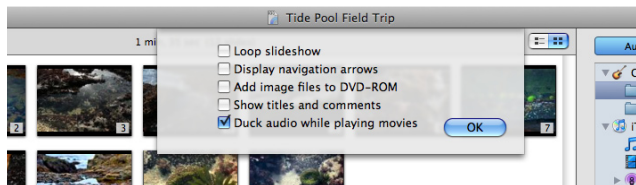
- 7 Drag your song onto the preview area on the right.



Adding a soundtrack is as simple as dragging a song from the Media browser onto the slideshow.

iDVD adds the song to the DVD project.

- 8 Use the controls at the bottom to customize your slideshow:



The Settings pane lets you exercise a great deal of control over how your slideshow behaves.

- Slide Duration—Chooses how long your slides last
- Transition—Selects the transition between slides
- Slideshow volume—Sets the music volume during the slideshow
- Settings—Opens the settings pane. Here, you can set looping, navigation arrow visibility, whether images from the slideshow are added to the DVD-ROM portion of the disc, whether titles and comments are displayed, and audio ducking during movie playback.

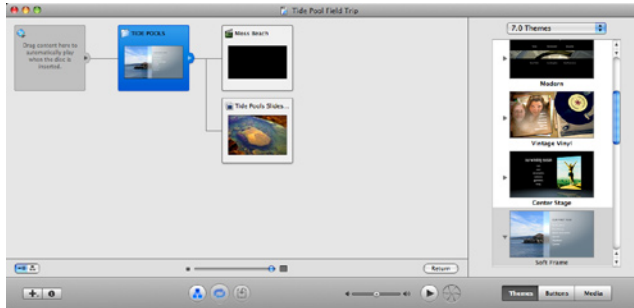
Setting A Movie To Play On Insertion

You can set a movie to automatically play when the DVD is inserted by adding the movie to your DVD Map.

To add an autoplay movie to your DVD Map:

- 1 Open the project in iDVD. Click the DVD Map button at the bottom.

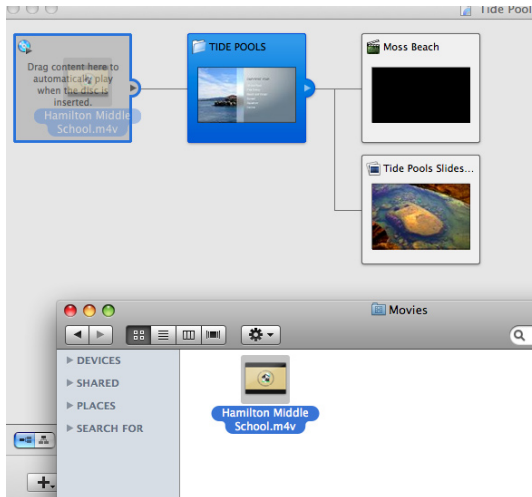
iDVD shows the DVD Map.



The DVD Map shows you all of the elements on your DVD. So far, we have a menu, a movie, and a slideshow, but we could just as easily add a podcast, another movie, or another slideshow.

- 2 Drag a video to the upper-left square in the DVD map.

This displays a movie preview.



By dragging a movie from the Finder onto the first square, we set the DVD to play the dragged movie when it's loaded.

3 Click Return.

iDVD returns you to the project's main menu.



After adding a movie to play on load, we return to our DVD's main menu. It's really taking shape now.

Adding DVD-ROM Content

iDVD lets you add data to your DVD that doesn't play on a normal DVD player—it's meant for use in a PC.

To add DVD-ROM content to your project:

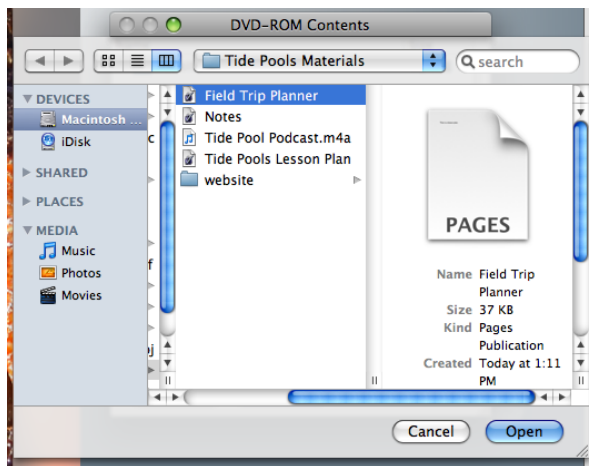
- 1 Open your project in iDVD, and choose Advanced -> Edit DVD-ROM Contents.

The DVD-ROM Contents window appears.



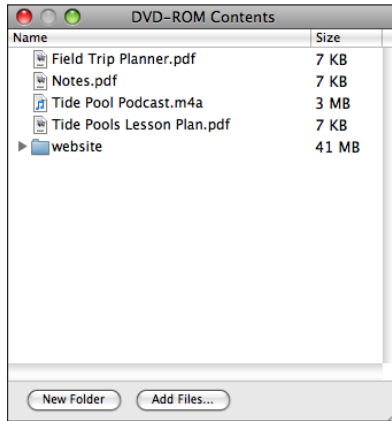
At first, the DVD-ROM Contents window is empty, but we can fix that by using the Add Files button. We can also add folders to organize our files by clicking the New Folder button and naming the resulting folder.

- 2 Click Add Files, and after a file selection pane slides down, navigate to the file you want to add. Click Choose to add the file.



After clicking Add Files, you're presented with a navigation pane. Simply choose the file or folder you want to include, and then click Open.

- 3 Repeat Step 2 until you've added all of the files you want. Then close the window and save your project.



We've added four files and a folder to archive all of the files associated with our tide pools project—a great take-away for students, teachers, and parents alike.

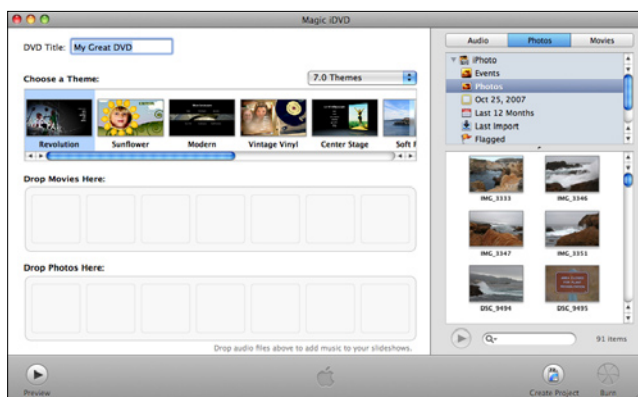
Magic iDVD

Magic iDVD is an easy way to create a full-featured, slick-looking DVD without making a lot of design decisions. After walking you through the basic setup for a DVD project, Magic iDVD assembles your movies, photos, menus, and buttons for you into a finished DVD.

To use Magic iDVD:

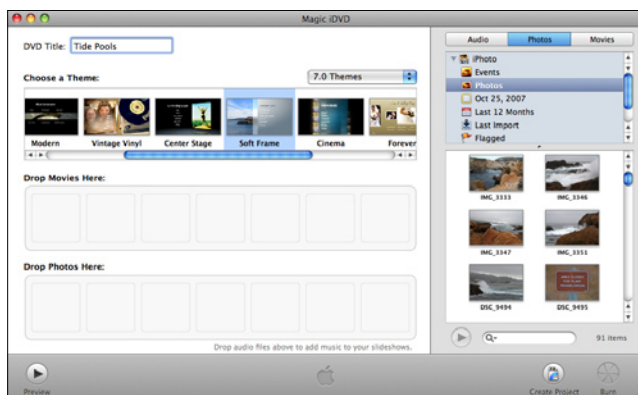
- 1 Open iDVD. In the introductory window, click “Magic iDVD.”

The Magic iDVD window opens.



Magic iDVD makes DVD creation as simple as naming the disc, choosing a theme, and dragging elements onto the proper places.

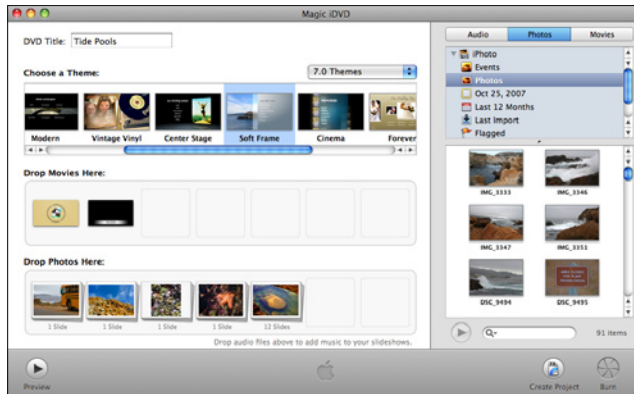
- 2 Type a title for your DVD and choose a theme.



Again, we've named our DVD "Tide Pools" and chosen the Soft Frame theme. Whether we start a project using the standard project or Magic iDVD project, the same themes and media are available.

- 3 From the media browser on the right, drag movies, music, and pictures onto the area on the left.

As you add files, they appear on the left.



Using the Media browser, we've dragged our introductory movie and our iMovie project onto the movies area, and we've dragged four individual photos and a photo album onto the photos area.

- 4 Click Create Project.

iDVD creates a project containing the files you specified in Step 3.



The results of our Magic iDVD work look very similar to the standard project we created earlier.

Burning A DVD

Once you've laid everything out, iDVD makes burning a disc seamless.

To burn a DVD:

- 1 Open your project in iDVD. Click the Burn button in the lower portion of the window.

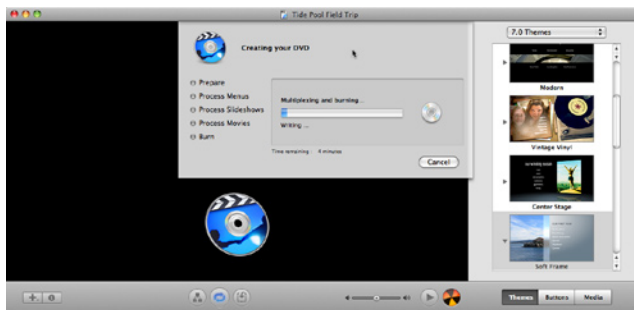
A burn symbol is revealed, and iDVD asks for a blank DVD.



The burn button, normally hidden beneath an aperture, makes iDVD ask for a blank DVD disc when pressed.

- 2 Insert a blank DVD.

iDVD prepares the files and burns the DVD.



iDVD converts your movies, photos, and files into the right formats for a DVD without you having to do anything—and when that's done, it burns your disc.

- 3 After the disc is finished, iDVD asks if you would like to burn another. If so, simply insert another blank disc. If not, click Done.



Once your disc is finished, iDVD asks if you want to create another.

